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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An electrical power distribution unit comprising:

a housing having no internal battery;

an electrical power input assembly located substantially in the housing of the power distribution unit and adapted to be electrically connected to an electrical power supply; and

a plurality of electrical power output assemblies electrically connected to the input assembly, and adapted to receive electrical power from the input assembly, the plurality of electrical power output assemblies including ~~at least one output connection~~ a plurality of output connections, each output connection structured and adapted to be hard-wired to a piece of equipment to provide electrical power and ~~at least one~~ a plurality of receptacles, each receptacle adapted to receive an equipment plug to provide electrical power.

2. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 wherein the housing is rack mountable.

3. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 wherein the housing includes a front access door and a back access door.

4. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 which further comprises a meter located within the housing and adapted to monitor at least one property of electrical power passing through the input assembly.

5. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 which further comprises a transformer adapted to be in electrical communication with both the electrical power supply and

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the input assembly.

6. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 wherein the input assembly is adapted to be electrically connected to a single phase electrical power supply or to a three phase electrical power supply.

7. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 wherein the input assembly is adapted to be electrically connected to a single phase electrical power supply.

8. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 wherein each of the output assemblies includes a different circuit breaker.

9. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 wherein the plurality of electrical power output assemblies includes a plurality of differently configured receptacles for accommodating differently configured equipment plugs.

10. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 further comprising a circuit panel and wherein the plurality of electrical output assemblies are mounted in the circuit panel.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The power distribution unit of claim [[11]] 1 wherein each of the ~~plurality of~~ receptacles ~~comprises~~ is differently configured ~~receptacles~~ for accommodating differently configured equipment plugs.

13. (currently amended) The power distribution unit of claim [[11]] 1 wherein the plurality of output connections comprise at least about 8 output connections.

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14. (currently amended) The power distribution unit of claim [[11]] 1 wherein the plurality of receptacles comprises at least about 8 receptacles.

15. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 1 which further comprises a switch structured and positioned to alternately connect and disconnect one of two or more electrical power supplies to the electrical power input assembly.

16. (currently amended) An electrical power distribution unit comprising:

a rack mountable housing having no internal battery;

an electrical power input assembly located substantially in the housing of the power distribution unit and adapted to be electrically connected to an electrical power supply; and

a plurality of electrical power output assemblies located substantially in the housing, electrically connected to the input assembly, and adapted to receive electrical power from the input assembly, the plurality of electrical power output assemblies including at least one output connection a plurality of output connections, each output connection structured and adapted to be hard-wired to a piece of equipment to provide electrical power and at least one of output connection receptacle structured to be connected to a second electrical power distribution unit receive an equipment plug to provide electrical power.

17. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 16 wherein the housing is adapted to be mounted on a 19 inch or 23 inch rack.

18. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 16 which further comprises a meter located within the housing and adapted to monitor at least one property of electrical power passing through the input assembly.

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19. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 16 wherein each of the output assemblies includes a different circuit breaker.

20. (previously amended) The power distribution unit of claim 16 which further comprises a switch structured and positioned to alternately connect and disconnect one of two or more electrical power supplies to the electrical power input assembly.

21. (currently amended) An electrical power distribution system comprising:

a plurality of electrical power distribution units, each electrical power distribution unit being adapted to be electrically connected with at least one of the other electrical power distribution units, each of the electrical power distribution units comprising:

a housing having no internal battery;

an electrical power input assembly located substantially in the housing and adapted to be electrically connected to an electrical power supply; and

a plurality of electrical power output assemblies located substantially in the housing, electrically connected to the input assembly, and adapted to receive electrical power from the input assembly, the plurality of electrical power output assemblies including ~~at least one output connection~~ a plurality of output connections, each output connection structured and adapted to be hard-wired to a piece of equipment to provide electrical power and ~~at least one receptacle~~ a plurality of receptacles, each receptacle structured and adapted to receive an equipment plug and to provide electrical power.

22. (original) The system of claim 21 wherein each of the housings is rack mountable.

23. (previously amended) The system of claim 21 wherein each

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of the electrical power distribution units further comprises a meter disposed within the housing and adapted to monitor at least one property of electrical power passing through the input assembly.

24. (previously amended) The system of claim 21 which further comprises a switch structured and positioned to alternately connect and disconnect one of two or more electrical power supplies to the electrical power input assembly of one of the units.

25. (previously added) The power distribution unit of claim 1, wherein the plurality of electrical power output assemblies are located substantially in the housing.